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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A surroundings exhibiting system that is provided for use in a transportation device requiring manual maneuver and that shows, to an operator, surroundings of the transportation device in a stop state, the surroundings exhibiting system comprising:

an image capturing section-for <del>capturing</del> <u>arranged to capture</u> a multi-directional image of the surroundings of the transportation device; <del>and</del>

a display section—for displaying arranged to display at least—part a portion of the multidirectional image captured by the image capturing section;

a door sensor arranged to detect an unlocking of a door and/or an opening or closing of the door; and

an ignition instruction detection sensor arranged to detect an operator's ignition instruction to the transportation device; wherein

the image capturing section is arranged to capture an image in synchronization with the unlocking of the door and/or the opening or closing of the door; and

the display section is arranged to display the image captured by the image capturing section in synchronization with the ignition instruction to show the operator the surroundings of the transportation device in a stopped state.

Claim 2 (original): The surroundings exhibiting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein: the image capturing section captures an omnidirectional image with respect to the transportation device.

Claims 3-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The surroundings exhibiting system as set forth in claim-4 1, further comprising:

a frame memory-for-storing arranged to store image data of the <u>multi-directional</u> image captured by the image capturing section; and wherein

an ignition instruction detection sensor for detecting an operator's instruction to the transportation device,

the image data of the  $\underline{\text{multi-directional}}$  image captured by the image capturing section  $\underline{\text{being is}}$  stored in the frame memory, and

a most recent image data among the image data stored in the frame memory-being is displayed on the display section upon the detection of the ignition instruction.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A surroundings exhibiting method-for-showing, to an operator, surroundings of a transportation device, that requires manual maneuver and that is in a stop state, the surroundings exhibiting method the method comprising the steps of:

detecting an unlocking of a door and/or an opening or closing of a door;

starting capturing a multi-directional image of the surroundings of the transportation device in synchronization with the unlocking of the door and/or the opening or closing of the door;

detecting an operator's ignition instruction to the transportation device; and starting displaying at least-part of or a whole a portion of the multi-directional image captured in the image capture step in synchronization with the ignition instruction to show the operator the surroundings of the transportation device in a stopped state.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for controlling a surroundings exhibiting system of that is provided in a transportation device and that shows, to an operator, surroundings of

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the transportation device that requires manual maneuver and that is in a stop state, the method comprising:

a process of detecting an unlocking of a door and/or an opening or closing of a door;

an image capture start process of causing an image capturing section to start capturing
a multi-directional image of surroundings of the transportation device in synchronization with
the unlocking of the door and/or the opening or closing of the door; and

a process of detecting an operator's ignition instruction to the transportation device; and

and display start process of causing a display section to start displaying at least-parta portion of the image captured by the image capturing section in synchronization with the ignition instruction to show the operator the surroundings of the transportation device in a stopped state.

Claims 10-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A <u>computer-readable storage medium including a</u> surroundings exhibiting system control program for causing a computer to execute the method as set forth in claim 9, the <u>program causing the computer to execute the processes</u>.

Claim 14 (canceled).